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OF
SR121-NP-2 JATO ROCKET MOTOR SHIPPING CONTAINER
FOR PACKING GROUP II SOLID HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

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INTRODUCTION

The SR121-NP-2 JATO Rocket Motor Shipping Container tested, contained one inert warhead section weighing 68.5 kg (151 pounds), and an additional 11.3 kg (25 pounds) of sand. Overall weight of the container was 125 kg (275 pounds). This Performance Oriented Packaging (POP) test was performed to ascertain whether this standard container (Packing Group II) would meet the requirements as specified by the United Nations Recommendation on the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Document, ST/SG/AC.10/1, Revision 6, Chapters 4 and 9. A base level vibration test was also conducted in accordance with the final rulings specified in the Department of Transportation's Performance Oriented Packaging Standards in the Federal Register Volume 55.

The objectives of these tests were to minimize the risk of personnel or environmental exposure to the hazards associated with the contents in the advent of a transportation or handling accident.

TESTS PERFORMED

1. Base Level Vibration Test

This test was performed in accordance with paragraph 178.608 of the Performance Oriented Packaging Standards, Final Ruling, published in the Federal Register, Vol. 55, No. 246, December 21, 1990. Three sample containers were placed on the repetitive shock platform. The containers were restrained during vibration in all but the vertical direction. The frequency of the platform was increased until the container left the platform 1/16 of an inch at some instant during each cycle. Test time was 1 hour at a frequency of 3.8 Hz.

2. Stacking Test

This test was performed in accordance with ST/SG/AC.10/1, chapter 9, paragraph 9.7.6. Three containers were used for this test. Each container was subjected to a force applied to its top surface equivalent to the total weight of identical packages stacked to a height of 3 meters (including the test sample). A weight of 623.7 kg (1,375 pounds) was stacked on each sample container. The test was performed for 24 hours. After the allowed time, the weight was removed and the containers examined.

3. Drop Test

This test was performed in accordance with ST/SG/AC.10/1, chapter 9, paragraph 9.7.3. Three containers were used throughout the test. Five drops were performed from a height of 1.2 meters (4 feet), impacting the following surfaces:

- a. Flat bottom
- b. Flat top
- c. Flat on long side

d. Flat on short side

e. One corner

All tests were performed at an ambient temperature of $+70 \pm 20$ °F.

PASS/FAIL (UN CRITERIA)

1. Base Level Vibration Test (HM-181 CRITERIA)

The criteria for passing the base level vibration test is outlined in paragraph 178.608 of the Title 49 CFR Final Ruling and states the following: "immediately following the period of vibration, each package shall be removed from the platform, turned on its side and observed for any evidence of leakage. Rupture or leakage from any of the packages constitutes failure of the test."

2. Stacking Test (UN CRITERIA)

The criteria for passing the drop test is outlined in paragraph 9.7.6.3 of ST/SG/AC.10/1 and states the following: "... no test sample should leak. No test sample should show any deterioration which could adversely affect transport safety or any distortion liable to reduce its strength or cause instability in stacks of packages."

3. Drop Test (UN CRITERIA)

The criteria for passing the drop test is outlined in paragraph 9.7.3.5 of ST/SG/AC.10/1 and states the following: "Where a packaging for solids undergoes a drop test and its upper face strikes the target, the test sample passes the test if the entire contents are retained by an inner packaging or inner receptacle; e.g., a plastic bag, even if the closure is no longer sift-proof. A slight discharge from the closure(s) upon impact should not be considered to be a failure of the packaging provided that no further leakage occurs."

TEST RESULTS

1. Base Level Vibration Test

Satisfactory.

2. Stacking Test

Satisfactory.

3. Drop Test

Satisfactory.

DISCUSSION

1. Base Level Vibration Test

Immediately after the vibration test was completed, each container was removed from the platform, turned on its side and observed for any evidence of leakage. There was no leakage to the containers as a result of this test.

2. Stacking Test

Each container was visibly checked after the 24-hour period was over. There was no leakage, distortion, or deterioration to any of the containers as a result of this test.

3. Drop Test

After each drop, the containers were inspected for any damage which would be a cause for rejection. Final inspection indicated damage was minimal with only minor wood splintering and shifting at points of impact noted. The containers remained intact and functional upon completion of the tests.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

A. United Nation's "Recommendation on the Transportation of Dangerous Goods," ST/SG/AC.10/1, Revision 6

B. Title 49 CFR 107, et al., Performance Oriented Packaging Standard; Changes to Classification, Hazard Communication, Packaging and Handling Requirements Based on UN Standards and Agency Initiative; Final Rule, Federal Register, Vol. 55, No. 246 of December 21, 1990.

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TEST DATA SHEET

DATA SHEET:	
Container: SR121-NP-2 JATO Rocket Motor Shipping Container	
Type: 4D	Container P/N or NSN: 13350000
Specification Number: Drawing 13350000	Material: Plywood
Gross Weight: 125 kg (275 pounds)	Dimensions: 73" L x 17" W x 15" H
Closure (Method/Type): Steel Banding Straps	Tare Weight: 45 kg (99 pounds)
Additional Description: 11.3 kg (25 pounds) (10% of the original gross weight) was added for testing purposes	
PRODUCT: See table	
Name: See table	NSN(s): See table
United Nations Number: See table	
United Nations Packing Group: II	
Physical State (Solid, Liquid, or Gas): Solid	
Vapor Pressure (Liquids Only): N/A At 50 °C: N/A At 55 °C: N/A	
Consistency/Viscosity: N/A	Density/Specific Gravity: N/A
Amount Per Container: See table	Flash Point: N/A
Net Weight: See table	
TEST PRODUCT:	
Name: Inert SR121-NP-2 JATO Rocket Motor	Physical State: Solid
Consistency: N/A	
Density/Specific Gravity: N/A	
Test Pressure (Liquids Only): N/A	
Amount Per Container: N/A	Net Weight: 79.8 kg (178 pounds)

TABLE 1
SR121-NP-2 JATO Rocket Motor Shipping Container

NALC	NSN	Type	Packing Drawing	UN Code	UN Number	#/ Cntr	Weight (lb)
H312	1340-01-295-5139	Rocket Motor	13350000	1.3C	0186	1	153

**SR121-NP-2 JATO ROCKET MOTOR
SHIPPING CONTAINER
POP MARKING**

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